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GENERAL FOR SAFEGUARDS

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1. CANADIAN GOVERNOR (CARTER) HOSTED LUNCHEON
APRIL 3 IN HONOR OF DR. PRINCE WHICH I ATTENDED
ALONG WITH RES REPS OF FRANCE, ECUADOR, BRAZIL,
NETHERLANDS, DENMARK, ITALY, BELGIUM, NIGERIA,
ROMANIA, UK AND AUSTRIA. CARTER EXPLAINED TO
ASSEMBLED GUESTS THAT PURPOSE OF LUNCHEON WAS TO
INTRODUCE THEM TO PRINCE WHO, THOUGH HEAVILY
INVOLVED IN CANADA'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM, WAS NOT
FAMILIAR FIGURE IN VIENNA. HE ADDED THAT HIS
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INTRODUCING DR. PRINCE WAS NOT RPT NOT INTENDED
TO ENCROACH ON DIRECTOR GENERAL'S APPOINTMENT
PREROGATIVES.

2. DR. PRINCE GAVE GUESTS A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF HIS
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, LAYING STRESS ON THE
CLOSE RELATIONSHIP OF HIS TECHNICAL RESPONSIBILITIES,

PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF POLLUTION PROBLEMS, TO POLITICAL ISSUES. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD ALREADY NOTIFIED GOC OF HIS INTENTION TO RETIRE FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE AND THAT HIS CANDIDACY FOR DDG POST WAS AT INITIATIVE OF GOC.

3. I OBSERVED THAT USG WAS DELIGHTED TO SUPPORT DR. PRINCE'S CANDIDACY. REFERRING TO GROWING RESPONSIBILITIES AND BUDGET OF SAFEGUARDS DEPT, I STATED THAT AGE SHOULD NOT BE DETERMINING FACTOR IN SELECTION OF DDG; FAR MORE IMPORTANT WAS THE WEALTH OF EXPERIENCE, JUDGMENT AND MANAGERIAL ABILITY WHICH DR. PRINCE POSSESSED.

4. FYI: IN A PRIVATE ASIDE, AUSTRIAN GOVERNOR (POLACZEK) INFORMED ME THAT GOA HAD NOT RPT NOT GIVEN ITS SUPPORT TO CANDIDACY OF DR. GRUMM, SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF AUSTRIAN STUDY COMPANY FOR ATOMIC ENERGY (SEE VIENNA 1598). GRUMM'S CANDIDACY ACCORDING TO POLACZEK, HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED BY DIR. GEN. HIS GOVERNMENT HAD YET TO TAKE A POSITION RE MAKING GRUMM AVAILABLE AND ENDORSING HIS CANDIDACY. WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY LEARNED FROM ROMETSCH THAT CHANCELLOR KREISKY HAS RELIED UPON GRUMM FOR OBJECTIVE TECHNICAL ADVICE ON ENERGY MATTERS. ACCORDING TO SKJOELDEBRAND, GRUMM HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE EUROPEAN NUCLEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOCIETY. HE HAD BEEN SELECTED FOR HIS PRESENT JOB IN ORDER TO REVITALIZE THE ORGANIZATION AND HAS APPARENTLY BEEN REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL. END FYI.

5. I WAS INFORMED BY SMOLIN (RANKING MEMBER USSR MISSION PRESENT THIS WEEK) THAT PRINCE HAD CALLED ON HIM APRIL 3. SMOLIN VOLUNTEERED THAT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH PRINCE. ALMOST IN SAME BREATH, HOWEVER, SMOLIN ASKED WHAT I THOUGHT OF WILSON (AUSTRALIA) AS POSSIBILITY. I ANSWERED THAT I WAS NOT RPT NOT AWARE THAT WILSON WAS INTERESTED OR AVAILABLE AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT, U.S. THOUGHT PRINCE WOULD BE EXCELLENT CHOICE. FYI: IN EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH MEMBER AUSTRALIAN MISSION WHO HAD BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH WILSON SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, MISOFF WAS TOLD THAT WILSON HAD BEEN WILLING TO BE CANDIDATE BUT ONLY ON CONDITION THAT HE RECEIVE FULL AND ACTIVE SUPPORT (RATHER THAN MERE ACQUIESCENCE) OF HIS GOVERNMENT. APPARENTLY WILSON HAD NOT YET BEEN SATISFIED THAT HE WOULD RECEIVE DEGREE OF SUPPORT HE CONSIDERED NECESSARY. END FYI. LABOWITZ

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